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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Earlier this fall, I had the opportunity to reach out to my friend, former colleague in the Mississippi State Senate, and current U. S. Congressman, to encourage him to address a critical need in our rural district: affordable, reliable access to wireless broadband.

Better technology would provide a plethora of benefits such as jobs, increased competition among wireless providers, and service to first responders, just to name a few. But for me and the people of Mississippi Senate District 14, this access represents more than just the convenience of a faster network. Broadband gives the people of Attala, Carroll, Grenada, Leflore, Montgomery, and Tallahatchie Counties access to college education online and telecommuting to work and it opens doors for economic development in our part of the state.

LightSquared is pioneering the integration of wireless broadband and satellite capabilities and is paving the way to provide quality, top-of-the-line broadband service to rural areas which will make an immediate positive impact on my constituents. I understand that they are working to address interference issues that must be resolved before their product is put on the market, and their plan is not to start operations until their technology can be fully tested and proven sound. I respectfully request that you allow them to continue testing and resolving any interference issues so that they can proceed down the path to bringing affordable access to broadband to rural Mississippi.

Sincerely,

Lydia Chassaniol

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